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Appendix I: Synopsis of Intervention

Weight Loss Goal and Behavioral Recommendations

Weight Loss Goal Minimum 5% weight loss, individually tailored

Total Calorie 1200 kcal/day if ≤ 170 lb

Recommendation 1500 kcal/day if > 170 lb and \leq 220 lb

1800 Kcal/day if > 220 lb and < 270 lb

2200 Kcal/day if > 270 lb

Dietary Recommendation DASH dietary pattern:

7-12 services of fruits/vegetables 2-3 servings of low fat dairy

reduced sodium

≤ 25% of calories from fat

Physical Activity goal Build to ≥ 180 minutes/week of moderate intensity

physical activity in bouts ≥ 10 minutes in length

Recommended Frequency of

Tracking Food Intake and

Physical Activity

Daily

Recommended Frequency of

Self Weighing

At least weekly during weight loss; daily during

maintenance

Website Log-In At least weekly

Online Feedback Based on

Self Monitoring

Automated Email Feedback

Based on Self Monitoring

After each weight log in

Monthly feedback, re-engagement reminders

^{*}Adapted from Jerome G at el, Obesity and Weight Management, 2009

Potential Coaching Contacts

- CCD: 33 by phone (~ 20 minutes/contact)
 - Weekly during months 1-3 (total of 12)
 - Monthly during months 4-24 (total of 21)
- IPD: 30 group sessions (~90 minutes/contact), 10 individual sessions, 21 phone contacts
 - o 9 group and 3 individual sessions during months 1-3 (total of 12)
 - o 3 group, 2 individual, and 6 phone sessions during months 4-6 (total of 11)
 - o 18 group, 2 individual, and 18 phone sessions during months 7-24 (total of 38)

Coaching

- Coaches presented as part of a team, with their physician, to promote weight loss
- Focus on key weight maintenance behaviors (reduced calorie intake in setting of DASH diet; increased exercise; regular log-in to web site; and use of food records).
- Use of motivational interviewing (e.g. asking open-ended questions, exploring ambivalence, supporting optimism for change, and directing the conversation toward desired behavioral goals).
- Re-engagement procedures when participants do not log-in, by automated email (after 7 and 10 days without log-in) and then by phone (after 14 days without login).
- Case-management support for coaches.

Web-based Resources

- Learning modules, with objectives, educational content, quizzes, and supporting worksheets.
- Self-monitoring tools and graphs (weight, minutes of exercise/day, calories consumed/day), with recommendation to record weight at least weekly on the website.
- Online feedback regarding weight loss progress (e.g. change in weight since last log in, weight trend).

Role of Primary Care Provider (PCP)

- Review one-page report of the patient's weight progress at routine office visits
- Encourage participation in the POWER interventions
- Report events that might affect ability to participate in the intervention
- Send letters to participants as part of re-engagement strategy after prolonged periods with no intervention contact
- Assist patients with diabetes on glucose self-monitoring and medication adjustment

Learning Modules

Introductory Phase (Months 1-3)

- 1. The Basics of Self Monitoring
- 2. Safe, Effective Exercise for Weight Management
- 3. Energy Balance -The Truth about Weight Loss
- 4. Nutrition for Health
- 5. Making Changes: Portion Sizes, Restaurant Tips
- 6. Creating the Exercise Habit
- 7. Common Barriers to Weight Management
- 8. Problem Solving
- 9. Weight Management for Life

Transition Phase (Months 4-6)

- 1. Stress Management
- 2. Time Management
- 3. Relapse Prevention

Maintenance Phase (Months 7-24)

- 1. Taking the Exercise Challenge
- 2. Snacking Sense
- 3. Planning for Holidays
- 4. Creating Social Support for Weight Management
- 5. Restarting Your Weight Management Program
- 6. Staying Motivated with Exercise
- 7. Mindful Eating
- 8. Challenging Negative Thoughts
- 9. Stopping Emotional Eating
- 10. Weight Management during Vacations
- 11. Eating Healthy on a Budget
- 12. Get on Track
- 13. What's for Breakfast
- 14. Quick Fixes: Healthy Meals in Minutes
- 15. Avoiding Holiday Weight Gain
- 16. What We Really Know about Weight Management
- 17. Healthy, Happy New Year
- 18. Guilt-free Desserts
- 19. Back to Exercise Basics
- 20. How's Your Body Image?
- 21. Planning for Special Occasions
- 22. Safe Summer Exercise

Sample PCP Weight Progress Report

POWER Hopkins Patient Weight Progress Report Medical Record #:
Patient Weight - 7/8/2008 to 6/8/2009 Randomization Weight:
325 320 315 305 307 290 285 8/1/2008 10/1/2008 12/1/2008 2/1/2009 4/1/2009 6/1/2009 9/1/2008 11/1/2008 1/1/2009 3/1/2009 5/1/2009
Comments to participant Comments to patient: Basic (HELP): * Help by acknowledging that losing weight is challenging. * Encourage keeping scheduled contacts with coach, logging in to record weight, exercise, food. * Let patient know program is based on scientifically verified (tried and true) principles. * Point out individual benefits of weight loss (e.g. BP, glucose control). Even a small weight loss will help your. Additional (if time allows): * Comment on weight change (e.g. It's great that you have been losing weight, or It's great that you are sticking with the program).
* Reinforce tracking: The more you track your behavior and log in the more likely you are to achieve weight loss success.
Notes to POWER Coach Report reviewed with patient on: / / Medical event or Rx change affecting ability to exercise: No event Yes Describe briefly:
Personal event affecting ability to exercise: No event Yes Describe briefly:
Time (minutes) spent on weight loss counseling: None 1 2 3 4 5 More (specify): Comments covered: None Basic Additional Other:

Enrollment: Patients

Allocation: Patients

Follow-Up: Patients

Analysis: Patients

Appendix Table 1: Model-based estimates of within-group change in weight, percent weight change, body mass index, and waist circumference, mean and standard error, at 6, 12, and 24 months*

Randomized Group

Absolute weight change (kg)**	n	Self-Directed (SD)	n	Call-Center- Directed (CCD)	n	In-Person-Directed (IPD)
Baseline	138	104.2 (1.3)	139	102.5 (1.2)	138	104.9 (1.6)
6m change	113	-1.5 (0.4)	129	-6.0 (0.5)	124	-5.8 (0.6)
12m change	108	-1.1 (0.5)	124	-5.7 (0.7)	123	-5.4 (0.7)
24m change	129	-0.8 (0.7)	139	-4.5 (0.7)	133	-5.1 (0.8)
Percent Weight Change						
% change at 6m	113	-1.5 (0.4)	129	-6.2 (0.6)	124	-5.8 (0.6)
% change at 12m	108	-1.3 (0.5)	124	-6.0 (0.7)	123	-5.5 (0.7)
% change at 24m	129	-1.1 (0.6)	132	-4.9 (0.8)	13	-5.2 (0.7)
Body Mass index (BMI, kg/m²)						
Baseline	138	36.8 (0.4)	139	36.1 (0.4)	138	36.8 (1.4)
6m change	113	-0.5 (0.1)	129	-2.1 (0.2)	124	-2.0 (0.2)
12m change	108	-0.4 (0.2)	124	-1.9 (0.2)	123	-1.8 (0.2)
24m change	129	-0.4 (0.2)	139	-1.7 (0.3)	133	-1.7 (0.3)
Waist Circumference (cm)						
Baseline	138	118.5 (1.1)	139	117.8 (1.1)	138	118.3 (1.2)
6m change	110	-2.8 (0.4)	127	-6.4 (0.6)	120	-5.4 (0.6) ²
24m change	107	-3.4 (0.7)	119	-6.7 (0.9)	119	-6.3 (0.8)

^{*}Adjusted for sex, age, race and clinic **Data corresponds to Figure 2

Appendix Table 2: Model-based estimates of between-group differences in weight, percent weight change, body mass index, and waist circumference, mean (95% CI) at 6, 12, and 24 months*

Between Group Difference at:

	6 Months		12 Months		24 Months	
Absolute weight change (kg)**	mean (95%CI)	p-value	mean (95% CI)	p-value	mean (95% CI)	p-value
CCD vs SFD***	-4.5 (-5.8,-3.2)	<0.001	-4.5 (-6.1, -2.9)	<0.001	-3.8 (-5.6, -1.9)	< 0.001
IPD vs SFD	-4.3 (-5.8,-2.9)	<0.001	-4.3 (-5.9, -2.6)	<0.001	-4.3 (-6.3, -2.3)	<0.001
IPD vs CCD	0.2 (-1.4, 1.8)	0.81	0.3 (-1.6, 2.2)	0.79	-0.6 (-2.6, 1.5)	0.58
Percent weight change						
CCD vs SFD	-4.7 (-6.0, -3.4)	< 0.001	-4.7 (-6.4, -3.0)	< 0.001	-3.9 (-5.8, -1.9)	< 0.001
IPD vs SFD	-4.3 (-5.7, -2.9)	< 0.001	-4.2 (-5.8, -2.5)	< 0.001	-4.2 (-6.1, -2.3)	< 0.001
IPD vs CCD	0.4 (-1.2, 2.0)	0.63	0.5 (-1.4, 2.4)	0.60	-0.3 (-2.4, 1.8)	0.77
Absolute BMI Change(BMI, kg	g/m²)					
CCD vs SFD	-1.6 (-2.0, -1.1)	< 0.001	-1.5 (-2.1, -0.9)	< 0.001	-1.3 (-2.0, -0.6)	< 0.001
IPD vs SFD	-1.4 (-2.0, -0.9)	< 0.001	-1.4 (-1.9, -0.8)	< 0.001	-1.3 (-2.1, -0.6)	< 0.001
IPD vs CCD	0.1 (-0.5, 0.7)	0.69	0.1 (-0.5, 0.8)	0.68	-0.1 (-0.8, 0.7)	0.88
Waist Circumference (cm)						
CCD vs SFD	-3.5 (-5.0, -2.0)	< 0.001			-3.3 (-5.4, -1.2)	0.003
IPD vs SFD	-2.6 (-4.0, -1.2)	< 0.001			-2.8 (-4.8, -0.9)	0.005
IPD vs CCD	1.0 (-0.7, 2.6)	0.26			0.5 (-1.8, 2.7)	0.69

^{*}Adjusted for sex, age, race and clinic

^{**}Data corresponds to Figure 2

^{***}Change in CCD minus change in SD, change in ICD minus change in SD, change in IPD minus change in CCD

Appendix Table 3: Model-based estimates of within-group change in cardiovascular risk factors, mean and standard error, at 6, 12, and 24 months*

Randomized Group

	Self	-Directed (SFD)	Call-Cent	er Directed (CCD)	In-Per	son Directed (IPD)
Systolic BP (mmHg)	n		n		n	
Baseline	137	120.2 (1.0)	139	119.2 (1.2)	137	118.3 (1.1)
6m change	110	2.1 (1.1)	129	-1.3 (1.3)	123	0.7 (1.2)
24m change	114	3.6 (1.4)	122	1.6 (1.2)	126	2.6 (1.1)
Diastolic BP (mmHg)						
Baseline	137	73.3 (0.8)	139	72.5 (0.8)	137	71.7 (0.8)
6m change	110	1.4 (0.7)	129	-0.6 (0.8)	123	0.6 (0.8)
24m change	114	2.1 (0.9)	122	1.6 (0.9)	126	1.8 (0.8)
Total Cholesterol (mg/	dL)					
Baseline	136	187.3 (3.1)	139	187.1 (3.1)	137	181.7 (3.0)
6m change	100	-4.1 (2.4)	121	-6.0 (2.4)	117	-6.4 (2.1)
24m change	93	-5.4 (2.5)	110	-4.6 (3.4)	105	2.3 (2.8)
LDL Cholesterol (mg/d	L)					
Baseline	136	109.5 (2.8)	139	107.4 (2.6)	137	106.0 (2.7)
6m change	100	-4.7 (2.1)	120	-3.2 (2.1)	117	-4.9 (1.7)
24m change	93	-5.4 (2.3)	110	-4.5 (3.0)	105	0.3 (2.5)

^{*}Adjusted for sex, age, race and clinic

Appendix Table 3 (continued): Model-based estimates of within-group change in cardiovascular risk factors, mean and standard error, at 6, 12, and 24 months*

Randomized Group

	Self n	f-Directed (SFD)	Call-Cen [·] N	ter Directed (CCD)	In-Per n	son Directed (IPD)
HDL Cholesterol (r	ng/dL)					
Baseline	136	50.5 (1.0)	139	53.5 (1.1)	137	51.2 (1.2)
6m change	100	-0.3 (0.5)	121	1.0 (0.6)	117	0.4 (0.6)
24m change	93	1.8 (0.7)	110	2.2 (0.8)	105	3.5 (0.8)
Triglycerides (mg/	dL)					
Baseline	136	136.6 (5.2)	139	131.0 (5.1)	137	122.6 (3.8)
6m change	100	3.3 (5.4)	121	-17.5 (4.5)	117	-9.1 (4.0)
24m change	93	-7.1 (4.9)	110	-11.0 (4.9)	105	-4.1 (6.4)
Glucose (mg/dL)						
Baseline	136	107.1 (2.6)	139	104.8 (2.0)	137	103.9 (1.8)
6m change	100	-3.4 (1.6)	121	-2.5 (1.9)	117	-4.3 (1.4)
24m change	93	-3.8 (2.3)	110	-5.7 (1.7)	105	-2.6 (1.5)

Appendix Table 4: Model-based estimates of between-group differences in cardiovascular risk factors, mean (95% CI) at 6 and 24 months*

	6 Months		24 Months	
	Estimate (CI)	P-value	Estimate (CI)	P-value
Systolic BP (mmHg)				
CCD vs SFD**	-3.4 (-6.8, -0.00)	0.048	-2.0 (-5.6, 1.6)	0.28
IPD vs SFD	-1.4 (-4.6, 1.8)	0.39	-1.1 (-4.6, 2.5)	0.55
IPD vs CCD	2.0 (-1.4, 5.6)	0.25	0.9 (-2.3, 4.2)	0.58
Diastolic BP (mmHg)				
CCD vs SFD	-2.0 (-4.1, 0.2)	0.069	-0.6 (-2.9, 1.8)	0.65
IPD vs SFD	-0.8 (-2.9, 1.3)	0.44	-0.4 (-2.6, 1.9)	0.75
IPD vs CCD	1.2 (-1.0, 3.4)	0.29	0.2 (-2.1, 2.5)	0.86
Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)				
CCD vs SFD	-1.9 (-8.5, 4.8)	0.58	0.8 (-7.5, 9.1)	0.85
IPD vs SFD	-2.3 (-8.5, 3.8)	0.46	7.8 (0.4, 15.2)	0.039
IPD vs CCD	-0.5 (-6.7, 5.8)	0.89	7.0 (-1.7, 15.6)	0.11
LDL Cholesterol (mg/dL)				
CCD vs SFD	1.5 (-4.4, 7.4)	0.62	0.9 (-6.6, 8.3)	0.82
IPD vs SFD	-0.2 (-5.5, 5.1)	0.93	5.7 (-1.0, 12.4)	0.097
IPD vs CCD	-1.7 (-7.0, 3.5)	0.52	4.8 (-2.9, 12.5)	0.22

^{*}Adjusted for sex, age, race and clinic

^{**}Change in CCD minus change in SD, change in ICD minus change in SD, change in IPD minus change in CCD

Appendix Table 4 (continued): Model-based estimates of between-group differences in cardiovascular risk factors, mean (95% CI) at 6 and 24 months*

	6 Months		24 Months	
	Estimate (CI)	P-value	Estimate (CI)	P-value
HDL Cholesterol (mg/dL)				
CCD vs SFD	1.3 (-0.1, 2.8)	0.07	0.3 (-1.7, 2.3)	0.74
IPD vs SFD	0.7 (-0.8, 2.2)	0.35	1.7 (-0.4, 3.7)	0.11
IPD vs CCD	-0.6 (-2.2, 1.0)	0.44	1.3 (-0.8, 3.5)	0.22
Triglycerides (mg/dL)				
CCD vs SFD	-20.9 (-34.7, -7.0)	0.003	-3.9 (-17.5, 9.7)	0.57
IPD vs SFD	-12.4 (-25.7, 0.8)	0.066	3.0 (-12.8, 18.8)	0.71
IPD vs CCD	8.4 (-3.3, 20.2)	0.16	6.9 (-9.0, 22.8)	0.39
Glucose (mg/dL)				
CCD vs SFD	0.9 (-3.9, 5.7)	0.71	-1.8 (-7.5, 3.8)	0.52
IPD vs SFD	-0.9 (-5.1, 3.2)	0.66	1.2 (-4.2, 6.6)	0.66
IPD vs CCD	-1.8 (-6.5, 2.8)	0.44	3.0 (-1.4, 7.5)	0.18

^{*}Adjusted for sex, age, race and clinic

^{**}Change in CCD minus change in SD, change in ICD minus change in SD, change in IPD minus change in CCD

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